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Mr. Gerald Priestland
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Washington, D.C. 20036,

Dear Gerry,

Thanks for your kind note, your kindness when you were here, and for the very helpful check. I should have told you that besides the mint, we likely have surpluses of other growing things you or your wife might like - some privet, redbud trees and a few other kinds, and some flowers. Let us know if you can use any.

It now turns out that your Thursday airing may have been very helpful to me, for my agent in London is under the very serious handicap of competing with a book, Lane's, that has the strong influences of major publishers behind it in the quest for newspaper syndication and serialization.

The New York TV program was in every way a very exciting thing. Organized opposition made a Calahad of me and, to in haste terrible mix the figures, enabled me to storm the Bastille on Bastille Day. There were about a half-dozen lawyers, obviously tipped off in advance, armed with copies of WHITEWASH and the Report, and equally obviously ill prepared for their appointed or chosen role, individually and collectively. The show, on the spot, grew from the half-hour segment of a four-part, two hour show, into a full two hours of the most dramatic, pseudo-courtroom-like "special" that will be aired, unless changes are made in its distribution, in New York alone. I feel that I captured the audience in the studio, a participating audience, the entire staff of the show, probably the audience when it is shown in about a week, and even some of those ill-mannered, insulting, slippery, misquoting and misrepresenting, loud and really evil-intending lawyers, for all of whose faults I love them for without them such a really exciting thing as I think this is (as apparently the producer and director also believe) would not have been possible!

I tell you about this on the slight chance it is a program in which BBC might be interested. If used outside of WNEW-TV (Metromedia) I'd expect something from it. If you have a New York man, he can audition it on, I think, the 23rd. I have called the possibility WNEW might make it available to my London agent, Mr. Harbord. On the other hand, I do not know that they will. I wish I had not been too physically and emotionally exhausted to accept the invitation to watch an immediate replay, but I take it when this was to happen at one a.m., after that long night of work, that the people at WNEW were also quite stimulated.

As a presumed animal lover, as every Englishmen I have ever met has been, you may be interested in a unique accomplishment of a new addition to our menagerie, added in my absence: a cow-milking gander! Again thanks,

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg